

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

### **I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, and 32 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 22, 24, 28, and 30, which are independent, are amended. Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12-21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 and 33-42 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification, specifically at Figure 8.

No new matter has been introduced. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

### **II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,801,747 to Bedard (hereinafter, merely "Bedard"), in view of European Patent Application No. 000717346A2 to Takiguchi et al. (hereinafter, merely "Takiguchi"), in view of U.S. Patent 6,002,401A to Baker (hereinafter, merely "Baker") and in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,392,670 to Takeuchi et al. (hereinafter, merely

“Takeuchi”) and in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,182,094 to Humpleman et al. (hereinafter, merely “Humpleman”) and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,677,708 to Matthews, III et al. (hereinafter, merely “Matthews”).

### III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

The language of claim 1 recites that the position and the size of a frame-like mark are fixed while a selected icon is enlarged. Applicants submit that this feature distinguishes claim 1 from the art used as a basis of rejection.

Specifically, claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“An information apparatus ... comprising:

**...wherein the position and size of the frame-like mark are kept fixed during enlarging of the selected icon.**” (emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that Bedard, Takiguchi, Baker, Takeuchi, Humpleman, and Matthews, taken either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, nothing in the references relied by the Office Action teaches or suggests “wherein the position and size of the frame-like mark are kept fixed during enlarging of the selected icon”, as recited in claim 1.

Indeed, claim 1 recites keeping size and position of a frame-like mark fixed when enlarging a selected icon. Therefore, at least two parameters (position and size) of the mark are kept fixed while an icon is enlarged. None of the references relied by the Office Action teaches or suggests the above-identified features of claim 1.

Claims 3, 7, 9, 22, 24, 28, and 30 are similar, or somewhat similar, in scope to claim 1, and are therefore patentable for similar, or somewhat similar, reasons.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 22, 24, 28, and 30 are patentable.

#### **IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS**

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Similarly, because Applicants maintains that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicant reserves the right to address such comments.

#### **CONCLUSION**

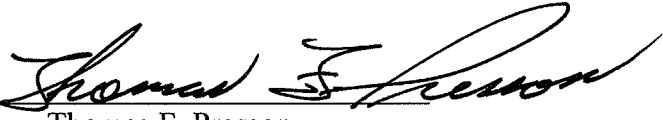
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the references providing the basis for a contrary view.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance  
and request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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